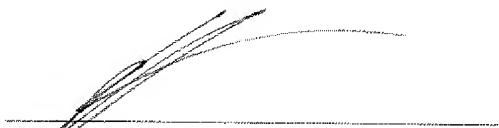


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Dear Sir:

In response to the official action dated November 13, 2006, the applicants respectfully request that the application be reconsidered in light of the following amendments and/or remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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